

1. A device for locking [the] a brake [of a vehicle and preventing the theft of said vehicle] pedal and brake pedal shaft of a vehicle, said device comprising:

a base member for a placement on [the] a floorboard of [said] the vehicle beneath [a] the brake pedal and [a] brake pedal shaft;

D a U-shaped housing extending downward and having a first arm attached to said [the] base and having a second shorter arm defining a gap for receipt of the brake pedal shaft, said [space] gap between said [the] first and second arms defining a slot for receiving the brake pedal shaft and permitting the full extension of [said] the brake pedal shaft upward through said slot; and

a locking mechanism associated with said [the] first arm for locking an [the] underside of the brake pedal shaft within [the] said slot such that the brake pedal cannot be depressed.

4. A device for locking [the] a brake [of a vehicle and preventing the theft of said] pedal and a brake pedal shaft of a vehicle, said device comprising:

D 2 a base member for placement on [the] floorboard of [said] the vehicle beneath [a] the brake pedal and brake pedal shaft;

a metallic U-shaped housing extending downward and having a first arm attached to said [the] a base and having a second shorter arm defining an opening for receiving the brake pedal shaft, said opening [space] between said [the] first and second arms defining a slot for receiving the brake pedal shaft and permitting [the] full extension of [said] the brake pedal shaft both upward and downward through said slot, said first arm having a cylindrical opening therethrough;

a rod extending through said cylindrical opening and being slidable [therewith] therein, said rod having a pin which catches[the] an underside of [said] the brake pedal shaft within [the] said slot and pulls the brake pedal shaft upward in a decompressed position; and

a locking mechanism for locking [the] a position of said [the] rod and pin with respect to said housing such that the brake [or clutch] pedal cannot be depressed.

7. A device for locking [the] a brake pedal and brake pedal shaft of a vehicle, [and preventing the theft of] said [vehicle] device comprising:

a base member for a placement on [the] a floorboard of the vehicle beneath [a] the brake pedal and brake pedal shaft;

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D a stainless steel U-shaped housing extending downward and having a first arm [attached] to [the] said base and having a second shorter arm defining an opening for receiving the brake pedal shaft, said [space] opening between [the] said first and second arms defining a slot for receiving the brake pedal shaft and permitting [the] full extension of said brake pedal shaft both upward and downward through said slot, said first arm having a cylindrical opening extending therethrough [and collinearly with said slot];

a serrated rod extending through said cylindrical opening and being slidable [therewith] therein, said rod having a pin at a first end for catching [the] an underside of [said] the brake pedal shaft within [the] said slot and a handle at a second end for pulling the brake pedal shaft upward in a decompressed position; and

a locking mechanism adapted to lock the serrated rod and pin [in] with respect to said housing [position] such that the brake pedal cannot be depressed.

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D4 (Amended) An anti-theft device for locking a brake pedal and brake pedal shaft with respect to a floorboard of a vehicle, the device comprising:

a base member for a placement on the floorboard of the vehicle;

a first arm connected to said base member;

a second arm spaced from and extending generally parallel to said first arm to form an elongate slot between said first and second arms, said slot being sized to receive the brake pedal shaft and permitting a full extension of the brake pedal shaft through said slot; and